(d) The appropriate authority has stated that the said company has filled up a vacancy of Stenographer without notifying the same to the Employment Exchange which is obligatory under the provisions of the said Act.

(e) It has also been informed by the appropriate authority that they have taken necessary action against the company for not notifying the vacancy of a Stenographer to the Employment Exchange in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Percentage of Mandays Lost

773. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state.

(a) what are the details of percentage of mandays lost during the years from 1986 to 1992;

(b) what are the main causes therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the mandays loss has been increasing due to political unrest, and law and order problems, and

(d) what are the steps taken to reduce the loss of mandays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Mandays lost due to strikes and lockouts and its percentage distribution by causes during 1986—92 are given in the annexure (see Appendix CLXVII, ANNEXURE NO. 14. The main causes of mandays lost relate to wages and allowance, indiscipline and violence.

(c) The Ministry of Labour do not compile information relating to mandays lost due to political unrest and law and order problems.

(d) The Industrial Relations Machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

Retrenchment of Labour in Parry Sugar Mills

774. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two hundred permanent workers were retrenched by the management of the FID Parry Sugar Mills in Pugalur near Karur in Tamilnadu;

(b) whether Government are aware that the agitation launched against this anti-labour policy has resulted in unwarranted police firing in which three labourers were shot down and many more injured; and

(c) if so, what steps are taken to reinstate the labourers who lost their jobs recently in the above mentioned company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Information s being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

775. (Transferred to 13th May, 1993).

Steps to bring Beedi Workers under Group Insurance and Provident Fund Schemes

776. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Beedi workers covered under Group Insurance Scheme and Provident Fund Scheme during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;